

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (*Currently Amended*) An embroidery-frame mounting structure for mounting an embroidery frame, for holding an embroidering fabric in a spread-out condition, on a base frame driven relative to a tool, said embroidery-frame mounting structure comprising:

first and second positioning members that detachably mount to the base frame at two predetermined positions; and

~~[[a]] first and second mounting members that removably attaches detachably and adjustably mount respectively to said embroidery frame to the base frame at a predetermined position~~ first and second positioning members; and

~~a positioning member removably fixed to the base frame at a predetermined position, wherein the first mounting member includes a first adjustment device for adjustably mounting the first mounting member relative to the first positioning member and for maintaining an adjusted mounting position of the first mounting member relative to the first positioning member,~~

wherein the second mounting member includes a second adjustment device for adjustably mounting the second mounting member relative to the second positioning member and for maintaining an adjusted mounting position of the second mounting member relative to the second positioning member,

~~wherein said mounting member is attached to said positioning member in such a manner that a mounted position thereof relative to the said positioning member is adjustable, so that said embroidery frame is adjustably and removably mounted on the base frame via said mounting member and said positioning member;~~

wherein said embroidery frame is adjustably mounted on the base frame via said mounting members and said positioning members, said embroidery frame, said mounting members, and said positioning members are attachable and detachable together as a unit by attaching and detaching said positioning members to and from said base frame, while maintaining the first and second mounting members in the adjusted mounting positions relative to the first and second positioning members, and

wherein said embroidery frame is separately attachable and detachable to and from said first and second mounting members.

2. (*Currently Amended*) An embroidery-frame mounting structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein a structure for permitting adjustment of the mounted position of said mounting member relative to said positioning member ~~the first and second adjustment devices each comprise~~ a mounted-position adjusting hole formed in ~~said~~ the respective mounting member and a screw loosely engaged in the mounted-position adjusting hole, and wherein each of said mounting members is mounted on ~~said~~ the respective positioning member by first adjusting the mounted position of ~~said each of the~~ each of the mounting members relative to ~~said~~ the respective positioning member and then fastening the respective screw.

3. (*Currently Amended*) An embroidery-frame mounting structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said positioning members is fixed to the base frame via a screw.

4. (*Currently Amended*) An embroidery-frame mounting structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein a structure for allowing said embroidery frame to be ~~removably~~ detachably attached to said mounting members comprises a fitting structure and a magnet.

5. (*New*) An embroidery-frame mounting structure for mounting an embroidery frame, for holding an embroidering fabric in a spread-out condition, on a base frame driven relative to a tool, said embroidery-frame mounting structure comprising:

a positioning member that removably mounts to the base frame at a predetermined position;

a mounting member that removably mounts to said positioning member;

at least one first screw for mounting the mounting member to the positioning member;

and

at least one second screw for mounting the positioning member to the base member,

wherein said mounting member is adjustably mounted to said positioning member so that a mounted position thereof is adjustable relative to said positioning member to allow said embroidery frame to be adjustably and removably mounted on the base frame via said mounting member and said positioning member,

wherein said mounting member includes a mounted-position adjusting hole formed in said mounting member, the mounted-position adjusting hole having a sufficient clearance to allow the mounting member to adjust relative to the positioning member while the first screw is inserted into the base member, and

wherein said mounting member further includes an escape hole having a clearance sufficiently large to allow the second screw to pass through and secure the positioning member to the base frame without interfering with the adjustability of said mounting member relative to said positioning member.